

TRIBAL ISSUES TOPIC GROUP MEETING SUMMARY Milwaukee, WI July 1998

The Topic Group is developing a process to identify appropriate Topic Group membership, and will be working on a protocol for identifying and inviting individual tribes to participate

he group identified five actions: (1) catalogue tribal transportation issues; (2) identify a level of tribal awareness of DOE transportation issues; (3) examine funding and tribal support; (4) develop a process for Tribal Topic Group membership; and (5) review the best channels to disseminate transportation information to tribes

Participants noted that there are cultural and educational issues in dealing with transportation issues on tribal lands; because tribes are unique political entities with unique cultural characteristics DOE might consider working with tribes in developing (translating) its training programs and other technical assistance

Participants noted that there are other transportation monies available to tribes, but no one source provides a critical mass to ensure continuity; suggested that a component of technical assistance might include information on how to connect Tribes with available federal and state resources